

Commuter Rail Strategic Planning Services

Request for Qualifications

Proposer's Conference

July 20, 2006



Agenda

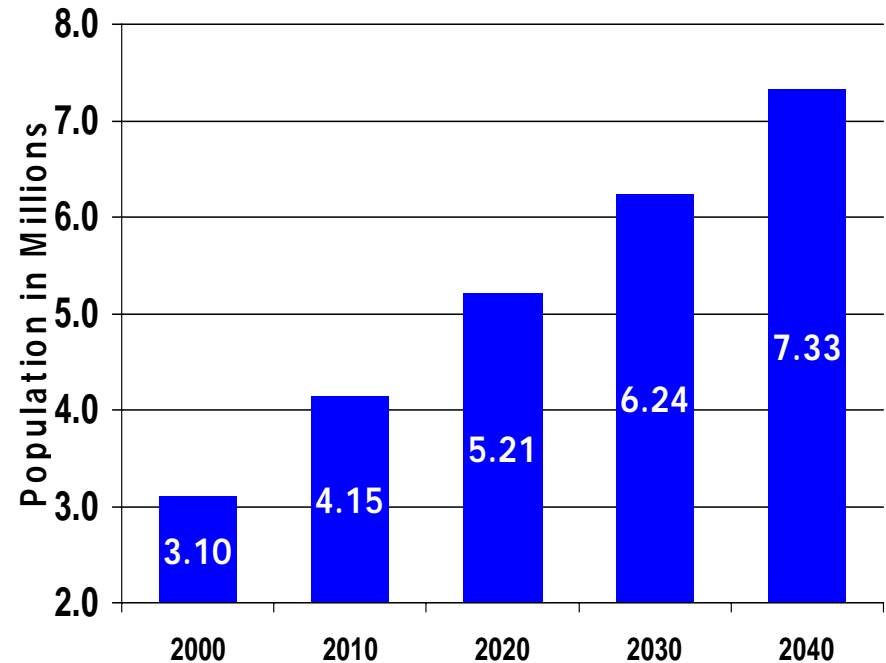
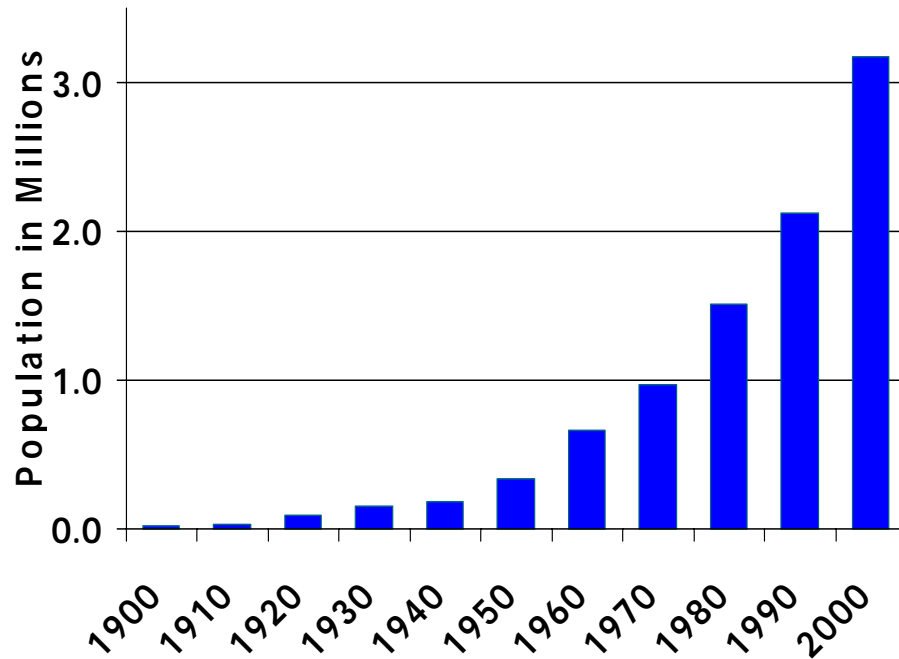
- Project Background
- Project Overview
- Upcoming Schedule
- Questions
 - All questions and answers will be recorded on MAG's website

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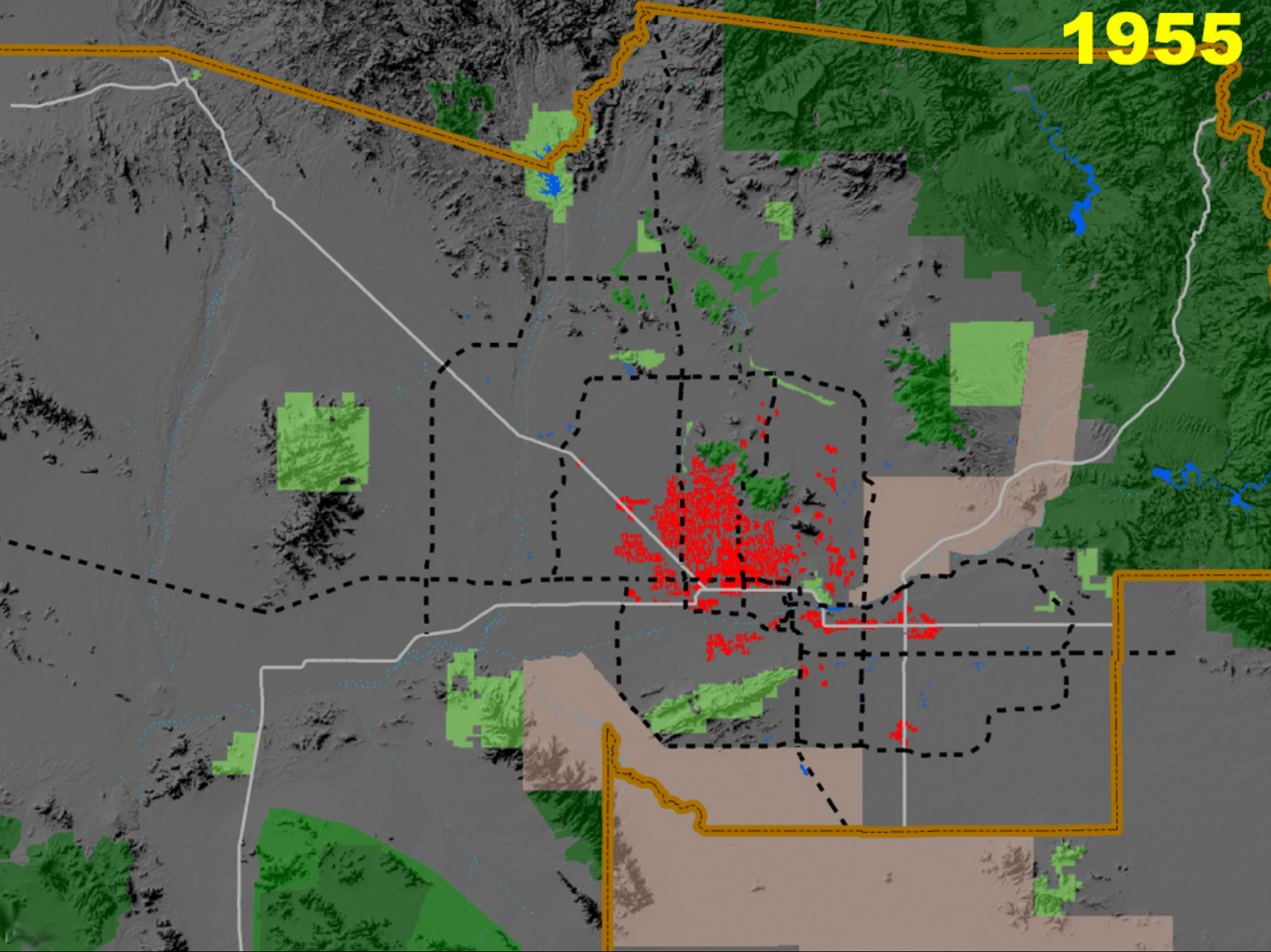
Project Background

- MAG's 2003 High Capacity Transit Plan demonstrated feasibility of commuter rail
- Commuter Rail identified as a long-term option in the Regional Transportation Plan
- Several forces are driving the need for improved transit service
 - traffic congestion
 - increased fuel prices
 - continued rapid growth

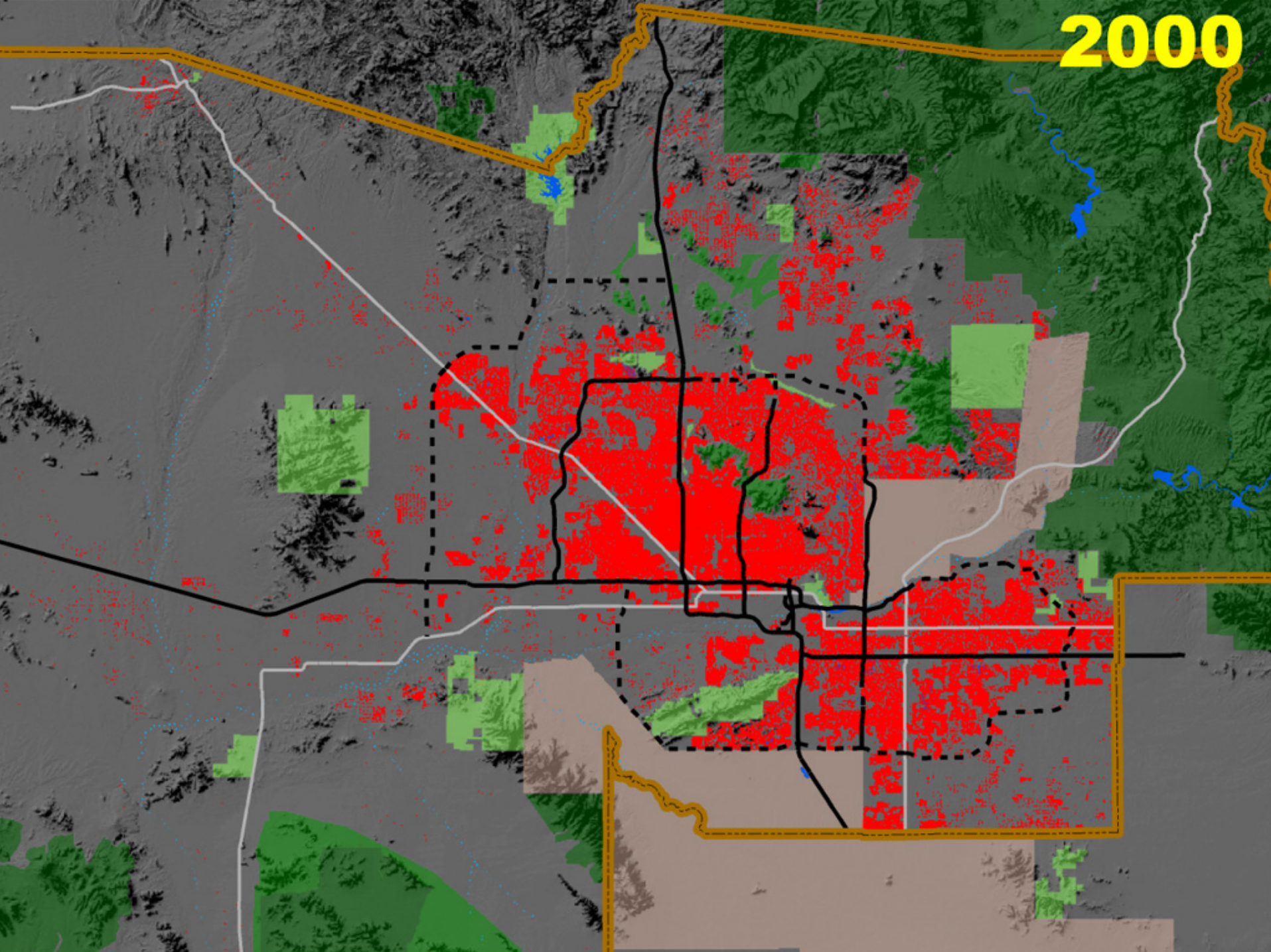
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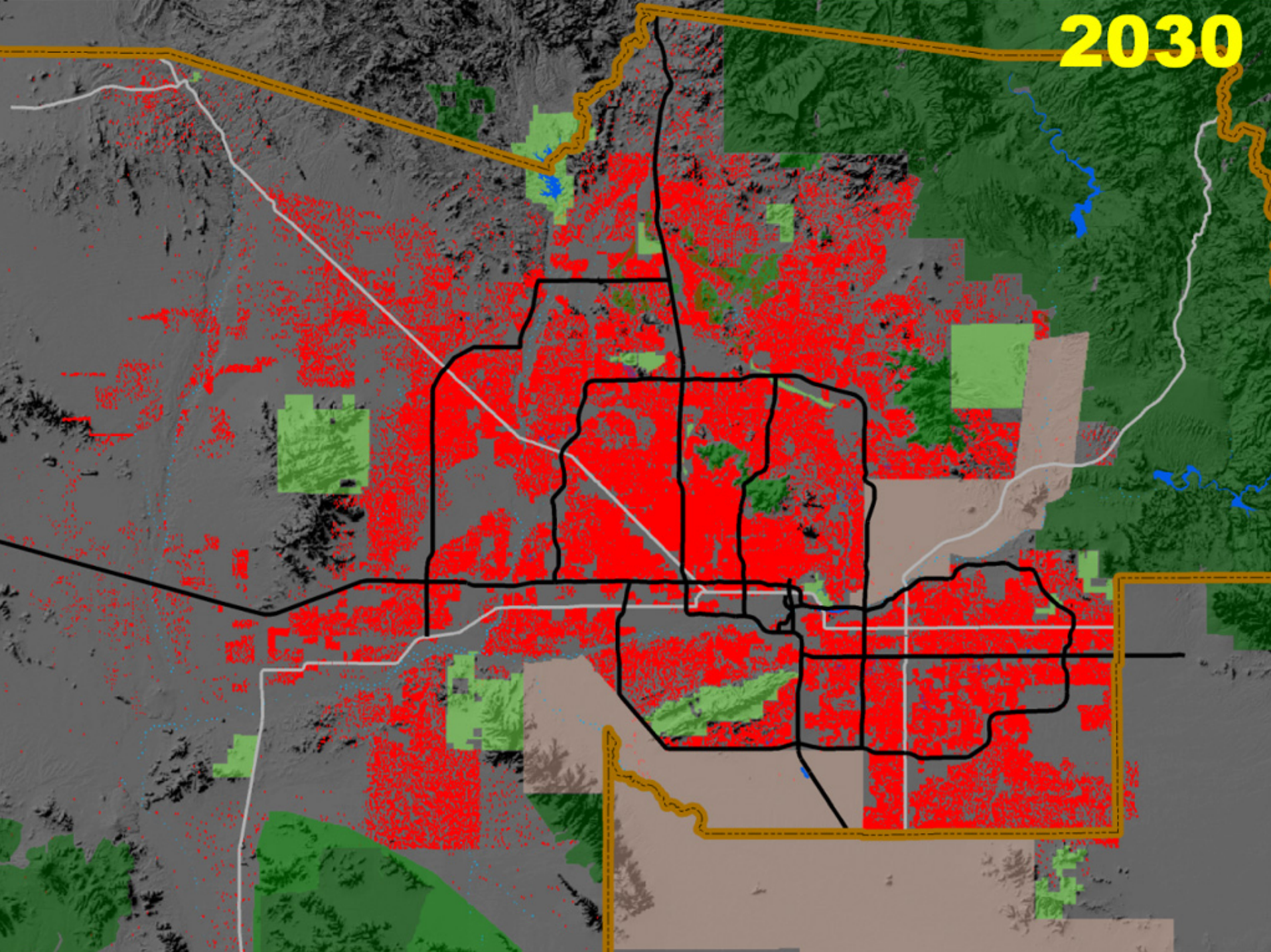
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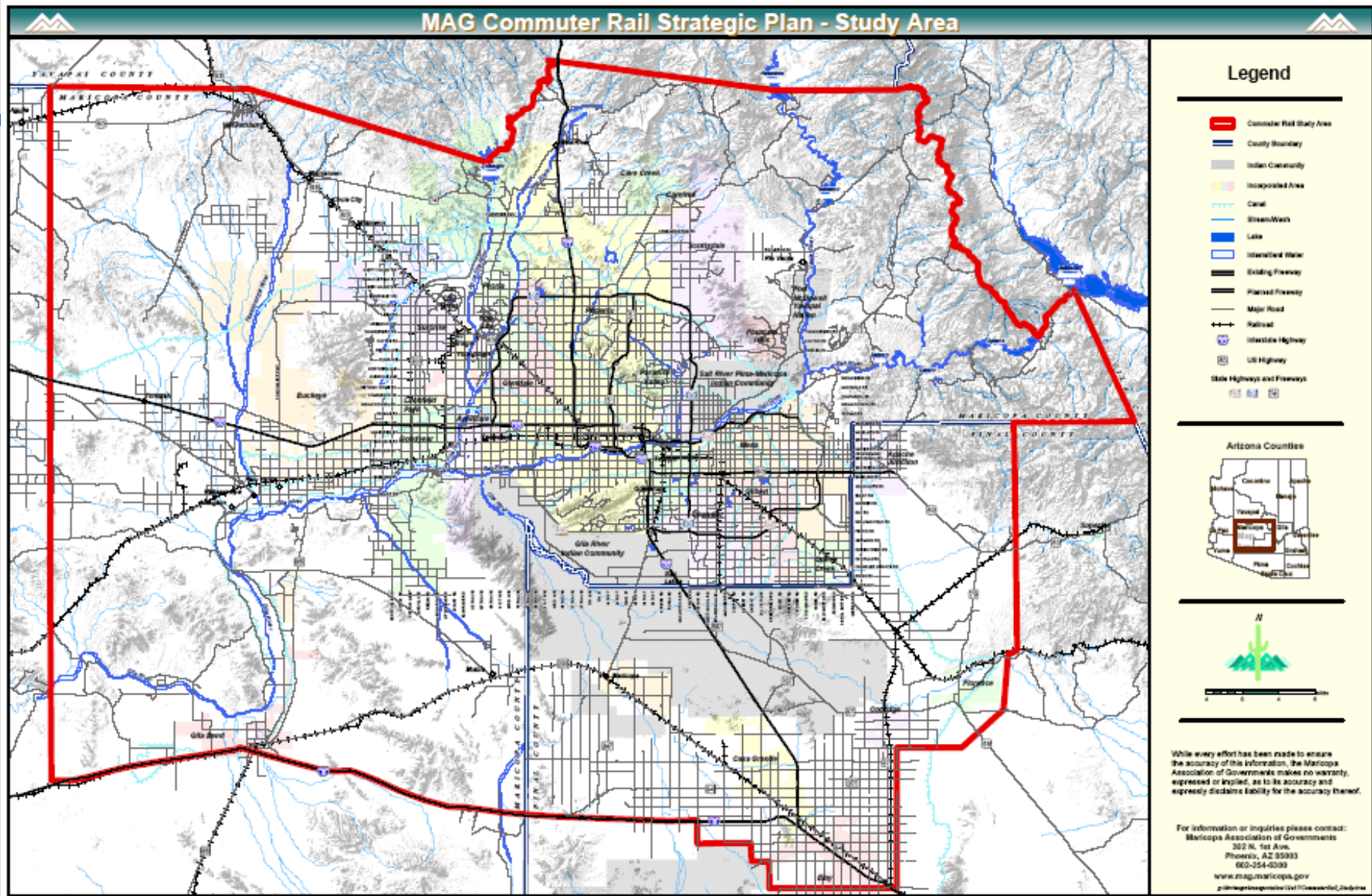
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Study Area



This Study Will:

- Assess support for commuter rail
- Identify and evaluate issues
 - Funding, governance, environmental, capacity constraints, etc.
- Develop a methodology to evaluate corridors
- Establish an implementation strategy (future phases)

This Study Will Not:

- Rank individual corridors
- Provide ridership forecasts, detailed cost estimates, operation plans, etc.
- Update the 2003 High Capacity Transit Plan

Project Objectives

1. SWOT Analysis
2. Conduct an outreach program
3. Define options for shared use of railroad corridors
4. Identify environmental and safety risks
5. Serve existing and future activity centers

Project Objectives (cont.)

6. Identify connections with other modes
7. Corridor and station area preservation strategy
8. Identify funding options and legislative measures
9. Final plan and presentation document

Tasks

1. Detailed Scope of Work
2. Process Monitoring and Coordination
3. Public and Agency Involvement
4. SWOT Analysis
5. Implementation Strategy
6. Commuter Rail Strategic Plan
7. Study Record

Upcoming Schedule

- Aug. 11 – Submittals Due
- Week of August 28 – Interviews (If Needed)
- **Oct. 16 – MAG Executive Committee (Project Award)**

Questions